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SUBJECT: LOCOMOTIVE SALE TO CUBA

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1. MONTREAL FRANCOPHONE PREUS OF MARCH 8 CONTINUED TO REPORT ON LOCOMOTIVE SALE BUT WITHOUT EDITORIAL COMMENT.

2. BOTH LA PRESSE AND LE JOUR REPORTED THAT THE ACTING QUEBEC MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE SENT A CABLE TO HIS FEDERAL COUNTERPART ON MARCH 6 REFERRING TO THE LOCOMOTIVE SALE AND REQUESTING THAT CANADA ASSERT ITS ECONOMIC SOVEREIGNTY BY REQUIRING THAT CANADIAN FIRMS BE GOVERNED BY CANADIAN LAW ONLY. THE CABLE ADDF THAT QUEBEC WILL APPROVE ANY ACTION TAKEN BY OTTAWA TO PROMOTE THE AUTONOMY OF CANADIAN SUBSIDIARIES OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

3. IN A SECOND AND FAIRLY LENGTHY ARTICLE LA PRESSE REVIEWS THE LOCOMOTIVE DEAL AND REPORTS THAT THE DIRECTORS OF THE CANADIAN FIRM WILL MEET MARCH 8 TO MAKE A FINAL DECISION ON THE SALE. THE ARTICLE FINDS IT HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT THAT OTTAWA HAS REMAINED PASSIVE EVEN THOUGH ITS FEBRUARY 13 DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO
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